

# Rules and Guidelines:



- 1) All students entering 7th, 8th and 9th grade as of September 2018 are eligible for the contest.
- 2) All work submitted must be original work.
- 3) One entry per student is permitted (one essay or one poem).
- 4) Essay work will be judged on:
  - ★ Originality and creativity;
  - ★ Persuasiveness;
  - ★ Clarity, coherence and organization;
  - ★ Grammar and spelling.Poetry will be judged on:
  - ★ Originality and creativity;
  - ★ Relevance to contest topic;
  - ★ Clarity and coherence;
  - ★ Spelling.
- 5) Submit one copy of your work to your nearest Fairfax County Public Library branch or online at [libraryevents@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:libraryevents@fairfaxcounty.gov) by September 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.
- 6) Essay/poem must be accompanied with a completed cover sheet.
- 7) The winners will be notified by October 1; prizes will be awarded in October, date TBD.
- 8) Essays/poems will not be returned.

# Awards:



Fairfax County Public Library will distribute multiple awards in each of the following categories:

\$100 Gold  
\$50 Silver  
\$25 Bronze

# Certificates of Merit

# Cover sheet



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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

School Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade (Fall of 2018): \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ F \_\_\_\_\_

My neighborhood library branch is: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Student

I have followed the rules and guidelines as outlined; my work is original work. If my writing is selected, I agree that the Fairfax County Public Library and/or media outlets may use my work.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent/Guardian

I have read the rules and guidelines and allow my child to submit an original essay/poem to the Fairfax County Public Library. I understand that this work may be posted on the library's website and/or used in other media outlets (using only first name and last initial to identify).

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

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Rising 7th, 8th and 9th  
graders – enter “For Love of  
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an essay and poetry contest  
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Just create an essay or poem  
on the topic:

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they aren’t going to vote.**

**What do you say?**

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Fill out the cover sheet on the  
back of this brochure or see  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library)

Entries are due by  
September 1, 2018 at 5 p.m.



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